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(TEXT) THE IDF SPOKESMAN HAS CATEGORICALLY DENIED THE STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE SYRIAN ARMY SPOKESMAN IN DAMASCUS, THAT SYRIAN PLANES HAVE HIT THE OIL REFINERIES IN HAIFA. THE SYRIAN STATEMENT WAS ISSUED AT NOON IN DAMASCUS. THE IDF SPOKESMAN SAID THE SYRIAN MILITARY SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT EXPRESSES THE SITUATION DESIRED BY THE SYRIANS, BUT NOT REALITY. MANY HOURS BEFORE THE SYRIAN STATEMENT WAS ISSUED, A SYRIAN SUKHOY PLANE CRASHED IN KAHANIYYA DURING AN ATTEMPT TO PENETRATE ISRAEL'S AIRSPACE.

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